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This brief and attachments are in response to the first Official Letter mailed 10/03/2003 with an extendable statutory period, presently set to expire on 01/03/2004.

STATUS OF THE EIGHT ORIGINAL CLAIMS

Independent Claim 1 as amended remains in the case. Dependent Claims 2 to 7 stand as currently amended. Affirmation of election of the invention of Claims 1 to 7 is declared in the case. In sum, amended Claims 1 to 7 remain for reexamination, and independent Claim 8 stands withdrawn. The complete set of original and amended claims are set forth as a fresh section, with a heading for identification being RIDER CL-MKD is the marked up version, Rider SPEC-MKD is the marked up version, while Rider SPEC-CLN is the clean copy version of the Specification, both as called for in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.125.

The title of the invention has been revised as set forth above, as suggested by Examiner Cooley.

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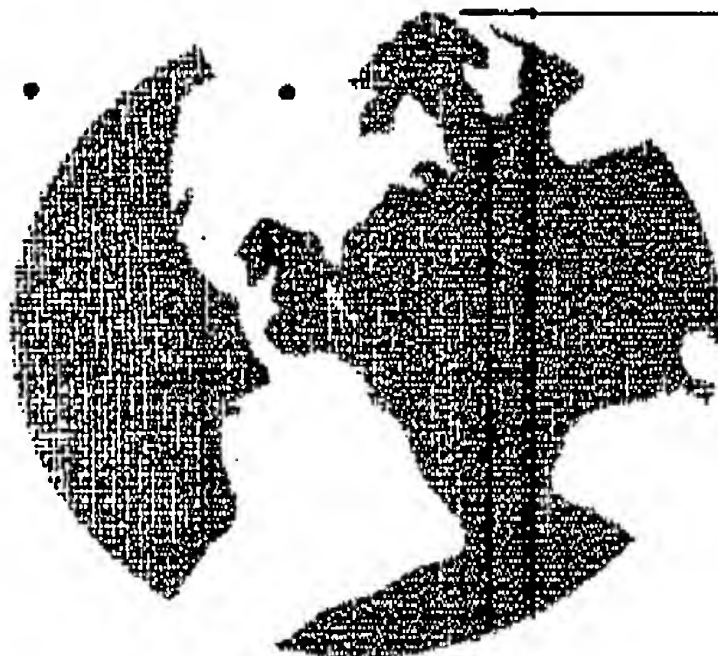
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Schafer et al Appln. Pneumatic Visco Seal Assembly
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1. Substantive reply Brief
2. Amended Set of Claims
3. RiderSpec.-MkdTest
4. Rider Spec. Clean Text
5. Trans. Form for Corrected Dwg (5 sheets)
- 6/ Three sheets of corrected dwg.

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